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# CAMBIAR

New Mexico



In 2005, Juvenile Justice management, legislators and union employees visited juvenile justice facilities in the state of Missouri to study their model for the rehabilitation of youth in their system.

## The “Missouri Model” focuses on two main concepts:



The establishment of smaller, regional facilities (which allow youth to stay closer to their families, who can then more fully participate in their rehabilitation).

Reducing unit sizes to no more than 10-12 youth per unit. Smaller unit sizes also promote safety and security.



Based on what was learned in Missouri, New Mexico's juvenile justice system implemented a change from a correctional philosophy to a rehabilitation philosophy in late 2006.



The “Missouri Model” was adapted to meet the needs of CYFD through a contract with Missouri Youth Services Incorporated (MYSI); therefore, helping us establish “Cambiar New Mexico”.



In 2008, training began at JPTC.

During the training period, the facility population was reduced from 48 to 36 clients.

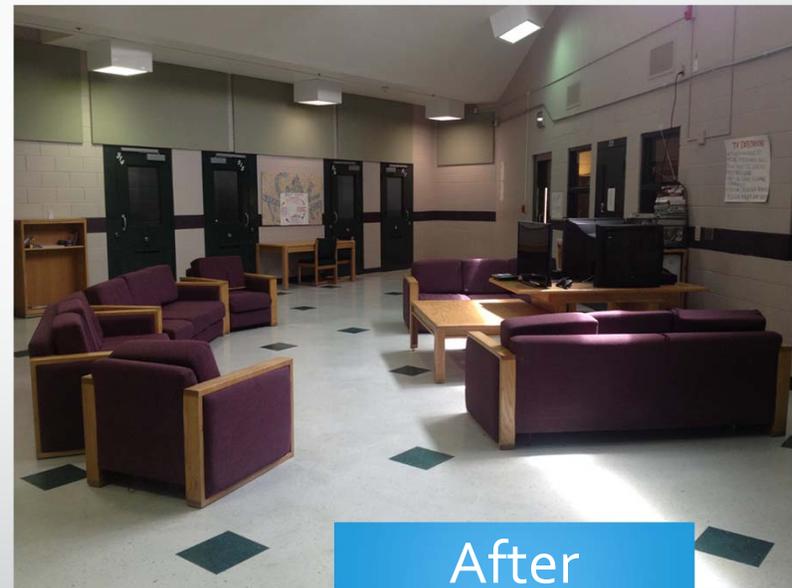
Individual units began their intensive four-week training. While each unit trained, their vacant unit was renovated to make it more home-like.

The MYSI staff provided coaches and mentors in each unit to reinforce the concepts learned in training. Training for JPTC was completed in early 2009.

## JPTC Day Room Remodel



Before



After

## The goals of Cambiar New Mexico are to:



- 1. Create smaller, safer, and more nurturing living units/groups (therapeutic communities)
- 2. Implement youth-centered unit management and milieu therapy
- 3. Develop individualized service plans addressing carefully assessed needs, strengths, and risks
- 4. Staff facilities with Youth Care Specialists who receive training that provides them with clinical and therapeutic skill sets
- 5. Provide rich programming including education, vocational training, behavioral health, medical and other services

## Cambiar New Mexico extends services beyond CYFD facilities.



In the 2009 legislative session, the legislature supported and passed many changes to the New Mexico Children's Code Delinquency Act.

For JJS, the most extensive change was the creation of the Juvenile Public Safety Advisory Board (JPSAB) and the Supervised Release Panel to replace the Juvenile Parole Board.

The Supervised Release Panel is chaired by the JJS Director and comprised of facility Superintendents, facility Behavioral Health Director and the facility Education Superintendent. CYFD is the releasing authority, with input from the JPSAB.

This was an integral part of implementing the Cambiar model, which relies on the staff and management working with each youth to know when that youth is ready for release and then having the actual authority to release them.

